

REMARKS

In further consideration of the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003 and supplemental to the Amendment and Reply filed August 13, 2003, applicant requests entry of this Supplemental Amendment. Claims 1-42 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7, 16, 25, 36, and 41 have been amended, claims 2, 11, 23, 24, and 30-32 have been canceled, and no claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, 12-22, 25-29, and 33-42 are pending in the application and submitted for reconsideration.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 3, 7, and 41 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 16, 25, and 36 have been amended in order to expedite this case to allowance. Applicant does not intend to surrender broader subject matter to which he believes he is entitled and therefore reserves the right to file continuing applications to pursue said broader subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the application or if an examiner's amendment or an interview would facilitate the allowance of one or more of the claims, the examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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